

## CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. Aside from the difficulties of the supply of medicaments for the East German population which are brought about especially by the lack of antibiotics, the health condition of the population is described as bad because of the poor quality of the food supply. In addition to the poor quality, a relatively large portion of the food supply is spoiled.
2. The following is a table of cases of fatalities resulting from the most important infectious diseases among the East German population during 1952.

	Cases	Fatalities
Diphtheria	46,288	1,392
Tuberculosis of the lungs	71,032	23,406
Typhus	12,655	1,180
Scarlet fever	9,193	62
Spotted fever	1,317	112
Dysentery	4,728	754
Paratyphoid fever	2,401	64
Food poisoning caused by bacteria	5,829	207

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